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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You heard the motion. The question before the body is the adoption of the E & R amendments. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Senator Schimek has the first amendment but I have a note, Senator, you wish to withdraw AM2777. Mr. President, the next amendment, Senator Thompson, AM2950.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Thompson, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I would like to substitute AM3040 for AM2950, please.

CLERK: Senator, I'm sorry. Tell me what you want to do again, please.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Substitute AM3040 for AM2950.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Any objections to the substitution? Seeing none, so ordered.

CLERK: Senator Thompson, AM3040. (Legislative Journal page 1289.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Thompson, you're recognized to open on that amendment.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. This amendment does two things. One is technical and the other is rather significant. First, last time this bill was up, the Master Teacher Program bonus of \$7,500 was reduced to \$5,000. This changes some of the language to make that work. The previous amendment, or the previous bill was written, amendment to the bill was written with the \$7,500 statement, so this will make it work with the \$5,000 statement. The second thing this will do is remove the funding for this bill. It will keep it on for this part of the amendment, excuse me. It will keep it on the books but it won't be appropriated, and until such time as it is appropriated for the program. So what we're doing here is in the spirit of compromise and in the concern that people have about the budget and where we stand, and my heart is really with